

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Joseph Ervin Crider lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Ruth Lee McDowell, during a solemn ceremony on June 28, 1957, at Esther Church of Nazarene in Esther, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Joseph and Ruth Crider have had the pleasure of raising three children, Joseph Allen Crider, Cheryl Lynette Crider Foster, and Michael Ervin Crider, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren; and

Whereas, Joseph Crider has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving as a photographer while a member of the United States Army who served in the 7th Division in Korea, working as a bookkeeper at Crider Bookkeeping, founding Alton Advertiser, serving as a member of the West Plains School Board and President and Vice President of the Alton Chamber of Commerce, being a recipient of the 2001 Alton Citizen of the Year award, and being chosen as Grand Marshal of the 2001 Christmas Parade; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Ruth Crider further distinguished herself by working as an RN Supervisor and Care Plan Coordinator at West Plains Health Care; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Joseph and Ruth Crider have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Crider of Alton will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on June 30, 2007, at the Alton Multipurpose Senior Center:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joseph and Ruth Crider and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ervin Crider.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker